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December 17, 1998

Ms. Antoinette Kitchen Federal Election Commission 999 E. Street NW Washington, DC 20463

Re: C00043059

Dear Ms. Kitchen

In reference to RQ-2 and RQ-5, I am submitting the following responses to your review of the quarterly reports filed. This letter is also referencing the phone conversation with Robert Donegan, CPA, RAM PAC's authorized agent.

First issue: The signature of Robert Donegan. He is the authorized agent of RAM PAC. Robert has replaced Darold Zigler. Please note in your file of this change.

Second issue: Monies were received from the related party, American Sheep Industry, a check copy is attached reimbursing American Sheep Industry from RAM PAC.

Third, I have reviewed with Robert the issue of contributions that are less than \$200. These will be classified as non-itemized contributions that are reported on 11 (a) ii.

Last, disclosure of contributions to federal candidates for which no election designation has been indicated. We will note those appropriate box in the future.

Thank you for taking the time with Robert to explain all of these issues, and if you have any further comments, please call Robert at 303-771-3500 x 17.

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Cindy Siddoway, Treasurer
American Sheep Industry Association Inc.
RAMS PAC
6911 South Yosemite Street
Englewood, CO 80112

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Identification Number: 7 C00043059

Reference:

July Quarterly (4/1/98-6/30/98) and October Quarterly (7/1/98-9/30/98)

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Dear Ms. Siddoway:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 discloses contributions to federal candidates for which no election designation has been provided. Please note that if no designation is included in your report, the contributions will be attributed to the next upcoming election for the recipient candidate. Thus, for future reporting purposes, it is in your committee's interest to designate the appropriate election in order to avoid the appearance of excessive contributions made to federal candidates by your committee.

-Your report(s) was not signed by the treasurer or designated agent listed on your Statement of Organization. Please amend your report(s) by providing the signature of an individual that is authorized to sign the report(s). 2 U.S.C. §434(a)(1) and 11 CFR §104.14(a) and (d) If a new treasurer has been appointed, please file an amended Statement of Organization (FORM 1) or a letter to reflect this change.

Any amendment or clarification should be filed with the Federal Election Commission. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free

number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Antoinette Kitchen

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April Quarterly Report (1/1/98-3/31/98)

Dear Ms. Siddoway:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report discloses the receipt of funds from your connected organization (pertinent portion(s) attached). 2 U.S.C. §441b prohibits the receipt of funds from national banks, corporations, and labor organizations. Under 11 CFR §114.5(b)(3), however, a separate segregated fund may be reimbursed for any solicitation or other administrative expense provided that the reimbursement is made no later than thirty days after the expense was paid by the separate segregated fund.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with the clarifying information. Please provide further clarifying information regarding the date(s) on which the committee made payments for any solicitation or other administrative expenses. To the extent that the reimbursement was made beyond thirty days, your committee must transfer the funds to an account not used to influence federal elections or refund the full amount to your connected organization in accordance with 11 CFR §103.3(b). The Commission recommends that you inform your connected organization in writing to provide them with the option of receiving a refund or granting written authorization of a transfer-out to protect the donor's interest.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a copy of your check for the transfer-out or refund. In addition, any transfer-out or refund made should be disclosed on Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the date on which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of a prohibited contribution, prompt action by your committee to refund or transfer-out the amount will be taken into consideration.

-2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3) requires itemization of contributions from individuals and persons other than political committees, where the aggregate total from the contributor exceeds \$200 in a calendar year. In addition, 11 CFR §104.3(a)(2)(i)(B) requires a committee to report the total amount of unitemized contributions (see Line 11(a)(ii) of the Detailed Summary Page). If a committee wishes to disclose contributions regardless of the amount contributed, the committee must separate (on separate receipt schedules) those contributors requiring itemization from those who are not required to be itemized. 11 CFR §104.3(a)(4)(i) For future fillings, please submit your reports in this order.

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A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

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